

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 9, 2003. With this response, claim 1 is amended and claim 17 is cancelled. All pending claims are presented for consideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §112 due to a number of typographical errors in claim 1. With this response, claim 1 has been amended and it is believed that the rejection may be withdrawn.

The Examiner indicated that claims 3-20 contain allowable subject matter. With this response, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 17. It is therefore believed that all pending claims 1-16, 18-20 and 28 are in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) ~~An apparatus employed in a vacuum cleaner, the apparatus~~ A vacuum cleaner comprising:

a suction assembly;

a dust collecting chamber collecting air and dust through an air path, wherein the air path connects the suction assembly to a connecting pipe by a negative pressure;

a driving portion generating the negative pressure and activated by manipulating a driving switch disposed on a handle portion;

a floor cloth rotatably driven in the suction assembly to clean a cleaning surface, the floor cloth arranged in a plane;

a rotary member rotatably disposed on a lower end of the suction assembly, for supporting the floor cloth, wherein the floor cloth rotates in a plane substantially parallel to the cleaning surface and the plane of the floor cloth;

rotary driving means controlled by the manipulation of the driving switch, ~~wherein the driving switch supplies an activated state~~ for supplying a driving force to rotate the rotary member; and

power supplying means for supplying an electric signal from the manipulation of the driving switch to the rotary driving means.

Claim 17 has been cancelled with this amendment after final.